

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD A. HILL,
JR.

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that we acknowledge the significant contributions of a great public servant and loyal family man, Richard A. Hill, Jr., who was taken away too soon from us, and from his beloved wife Anne and their two fine children Regina and John. Richard Hill joined the Department of Health and Human Services in 1989, and later the Social Security Administration in 1995, following successful completion of Fordham School of Law where he earned honors, demonstrating the same dedication and drive that was to characterize his successful performance of duty in later years. Richard Hill was always mindful of the vital role that the Social Security Administration's program played in the lives of the American people. He received numerous awards recognizing his service, including Vice President Albert Gore's Government Reinvention "Hammer" Award, Commissioner of Social Security Citations, and most recently the Louis J. Lefkowitz Public Service Award from his alma mater, Fordham School of Law. As attorney, supervisor, Deputy Regional Chief Counsel, and Director of Learning Initiatives at the Social Security Administration's Office of the General Counsel, Richard Hill had inexhaustible passion, a natural intellectual curiosity, and a never-ending wealth of information regarding the work he did at the Social Security Administration. As Director of Learning Initiatives, Richard Hill developed, shaped, and implemented the Office of the General Counsel's national training program for its new attorneys, and he was most proud of his part in training young attorneys en route to careers dedicated to helping others. Richard Hill's warm and kind spirit, collaborative nature, and unparalleled dedication to federal service and the American people will truly be missed.

IN HONOR OF THE FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH OF PACIFIC
GROVE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove on the 50th anniversary of the relocation of their campus from downtown to its current site at the corner of Sunset Drive and the historic Seventeen Mile Drive.

In the early 1870s, a group of ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church in California began the search for a site to build a summer retreat. They found the perfect spot in the pine

woods on the point of the Monterey Peninsula, and in 1875 the Pacific Grove Retreat Association was formed. Modeled after the popular Chautauqua program in New York, the Retreat attracted hundreds of campers every year. A hall was built to house the Chautauqua events and provide a place of worship. Lots were sold and a tent village emerged. The healthy climate and beautiful scenery attracted a year-round population and over time the tents were replaced with permanent homes. In 1888, the cornerstone was laid for a sanctuary and the following year Pacific Grove was incorporated as a town.

The old church building was famous for its twin spires and lighted, revolving cross that could be seen for miles out to sea. Over the years, guest speakers included Presidents Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, and Theodore Roosevelt, as well as Susan B. Anthony, Georgia Harkness, and Maud Booth. By the 1950s, the structure was falling into disrepair and areas of it were declared unsafe. The Sunday School had to rent the movie theater across the street to meet in and the office was moved downstairs where the heavy furniture would not be a hazard. The beloved old building would have to be replaced; the question remained whether to rebuild on the same site or find another location.

In the end, it was found that rebuilding on the same site would be more expensive than moving. The new site on Seventeen Mile Drive just outside the gate into Pebble Beach offered space for parking and room to build and grow. A quiet spot in a pine forest and home to a large herd of mule deer, it evoked memories of the original Retreat from so many years ago. Ground was broken in 1962 on Palm Sunday, and on April 7, 1963, again on Palm Sunday, the first worship service was held. Sunday, April 7, 2013 marked the fiftieth anniversary of that first service.

First United Methodist Church has been a beacon of love and of spiritual health and renewal in this community. The contributions and efforts that they have made and will continue to make are invaluable, and I am honored to be able to recognize their achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I know the whole House joins me in heartfelt congratulations on this auspicious day and wishing the congregation good luck in all of their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SANTA
BARBARA SUMMIT FOR TIBET

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the distinguished efforts of the Santa Barbara Summit for Tibet (SBST) in raising awareness about the vibrant culture, deep spirituality, and peaceful philosophy of the Tibetan people. SBST has worked dili-

gently to ensure the Santa Barbara community is engaged on this issue of great importance.

Recent acts of protest in Tibet have served as a disturbing reminder of the suffering that Tibetans continue to endure. We are witnessing the profound struggle of a people that seek to preserve their traditions and religion.

SBST recently held the First Annual "Tibet Week Awareness Celebration" to honor the perseverance and resiliency of the Tibetan people and their culture, and to demonstrate our shared cultural values. This celebration will raise awareness in our community surrounding the struggle faced by Tibetans and promote the universal values of compassion and non-violent practices.

To express my commitment to this issue, I recently joined many of my colleagues in the House of Representatives in sending President Obama a letter, urging him to prioritize addressing human rights issues in Tibet during his second term. Like SBST and the residents of Santa Barbara, I believe the U.S. should take a leading role to engage partner nations on measures to bring improvements in the human rights situation in Tibet.

Today, we stand with the people of Tibet and express our solidarity with them and to all people suffering oppression around the world. As your Representative in Congress, I commend and thank you for your deep commitment to this issue.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
JACQUELIN PERRY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Jacquelin Perry, a renowned orthopedic surgeon and physical therapist known for her revolutionary work on treating Polio. Dr. Perry was born on May 31, 1918 in Denver, Colorado and was raised in Los Angeles, California. She attended the University of California, Los Angeles and graduated in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education. After earning her degree, she joined the United States Army and trained to be a physical therapist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She was then assigned to a hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where many polio patients were being treated.

She continued her education and in 1950, Dr. Perry was one of seven women who received a medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco in a class of seventy-six graduates. When her residency was completed in San Francisco, Dr. Perry was recruited to work at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. While there, she created a program for patients suffering from polio and other diseases and helped develop the "Halo," a metal ring that screwed into the skull to immobilize a patient's spine and neck that were weakened by polio complications.

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From 1972 to the late 1990s, she taught at the University of Southern California's School of Medicine. While there, Perry established a scholarship for the study of the human gait, which she used to research how forward motion is achieved in the legs. During her lifetime, she wrote over four hundred peer-reviewed papers and contributed to numerous scientific publications. Her book, "Gait Analysis: Normal and Pathological Function," published in 1992, has become a standard textbook for orthopedists, physical therapists and other rehabilitation professionals.

Dr. Jacquelin Perry passed away on March 11, 2013, at 94 years of age in her Downey, California home. Although she suffered from Parkinson's disease, it did not deter her from attending work a week before her death. Dr. Perry leaves behind a legacy as an inventive physician, author and teacher. She lived an extraordinary life, and gave her time, her effort and her expertise to the advancement of medicine, and to the struggle to defeat Polio and Post-Polio syndrome. As a survivor of Polio myself, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and work of Dr. Jacquelin Perry.

TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 34th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act.

Since the end of World War II, the United States and Taiwan have fostered a close relationship that has been of enormous strategic and economic benefit to both countries. When the United States shifted diplomatic relations from Taiwan to the People's Republic of China in January 1979, Congress moved quickly to pass the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) to ensure that the United States would continue its robust engagement with Taiwan in the areas of commerce, culture, and security cooperation. With President Carter's signature on April 10, 1979, this important and lasting piece of legislation became the law of the land and served as the statutory basis for U.S.-Taiwan relations going forward.

After 34 years, the TRA still stands as a model of congressional leadership in the history of our foreign relations, and, together with the 1982 "Six Assurances," it remains the cornerstone of a very mutually beneficial relationship between the United States and Taiwan. Through three decades marked by momentous social, economic, and political transformations, Taiwan has remained a trusted ally of the United States that now shares with us the ideals of freedom, democracy and self-determination. The foresight of the TRA's drafters in providing that "the United States will make available to Taiwan such defense articles and defense services . . . to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability," and affirming "the preservation and enhancement of the human rights of all the people on Taiwan" as explicit objectives of the United States, has contributed in large measure to make Taiwan what it is today—a vibrant, open society governed by democratic institutions.

Though the people of Taiwan now enjoy fundamental human rights and civil liberties, they continue to live day after day under the ominous shadow cast by over 1400 short- and medium-range ballistic missiles that the People's Republic of China (PRC) has aimed at them. The PRC persists in claiming Taiwan as a 'renegade province,' refusing to renounce the use of force to prevent formal de jure independence, even codifying its right to military action via passage of the so-called "Anti-Secession Law" on March 14, 2005. The United States Congress strongly condemned the "Anti-Secession Law" in House Concurrent Resolution 98, passed on March 16, 2005.

The TRA affirmed that the United States' decision to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China was based on the expectation that the future of Taiwan would be determined by peaceful means. Furthermore, it stipulates that it is the policy of the United States "to consider any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means . . . a threat to the peace and security of the Western Pacific area and of grave concern to the United States." The unambiguous and principled stance contained in these provisions has been instrumental to the maintenance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait for more than thirty years, in spite of the growing military threat posed by the PRC.

I therefore invite my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 34th anniversary of the TRA, to further underline our unwavering commitment to the TRA and our support for the strong and deepening relationship between the U.S. and Taiwan.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES K. WIGHT'S LEADERSHIP TO THE AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James K. Wight, a resident of Michigan, for his volunteer leadership to the American Concrete Institute (ACI) headquartered in Farmington Hills, Michigan, an organization whose work is fundamental to our nation's critical infrastructure, key to our economic competitiveness. As a Member of Congress, I am privileged and honored to recognize Dr. Wight for his leadership and lifelong commitment to this organization and to advancing concrete knowledge in the United States and abroad.

ACI has been the pioneer in all concrete-related fields: research and development, structural design, architectural design, construction, and product manufacture. With 99 chapters, 65 student chapters, and nearly 20,000 members spanning over 120 countries, the American Concrete Institute provides knowledge and information for the best use of concrete. Through a host of activities including continuing education, certification, seminars, publications, and conventions, ACI plays an active and vital role in the concrete industry. Core to ACI is the development of codes and standards, adopted by reference in building codes impacting potentially every concrete project in the United States. Additionally, there are some

21 countries worldwide that base part or all of their national building codes on the ACI 318 Structural Concrete Building Code provisions.

On April 18, 2013, Professor Wight will complete his service as president of ACI, the culmination of 40 years of volunteer service. Wight was named a Fellow of the Institute in 1984 and previously served on the ACI Board of Direction. He is a past Chair of the ACI Technical Activities Committee; ACI Committee 318, Structural Concrete Building Code; and Joint ACI-ASCE Committee 352, Joints and Connections in Monolithic Concrete Structures. He is a Past President of the ACI Greater Michigan Chapter.

ACI has honored him with the Delmar L. Bloem Distinguished Service Award, the Joe W. Kelly Award, the Arthur J. Boase Award, the Alfred E. Lindau Award, the Chester Paul Siess Award for Excellence in Structural Research, and the Wason Medal for the Most Meritorious Paper in 2011. He has also received the Arthur Y. Moy Award from the ACI Greater Michigan Chapter for outstanding service in the field of concrete technology.

Also of note, James K. Wight, who received his undergraduate education at Michigan State University, is the F.E. Richart Jr. Collegiate Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. He has been a professor in the structural engineering area of the civil and environmental engineering department since September 1973, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate classes on structural analysis and design of concrete structures. Wight is known for his work in earthquake-resistant design of concrete structures. His more recent research has concentrated on the strength and inelastic behavior of connections in composite structures (reinforced concrete and steel) and the use of high-performance fiber-reinforced concrete composites for earthquake-resistant design of critical members in concrete structures. He has been involved with post-earthquake damage studies following earthquakes in Mexico, Chile, Armenia, Egypt, California, Japan, and India.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Dr. James Wight's leadership and service to the American Concrete Institute.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. LOUIS C. DEBERGALIS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Louis C. DeBergalis, who passed away on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at the age of 69.

A proud member of Ironworkers Local 6 who shared a family-owned small business, Mr. DeBergalis exemplified the American Dream. Along with his brother, Rocco Jr., he co-owned Rod Placing, a steel reinforcing company started by his father, Rocco.

Mr. DeBergalis was a family man. In addition to his role and pride in the family business, he loved his wife, Christine; daughters, Tonya Balash and Jacquelyn Criola; son, Jeffrey; mother, Olympia; sister, Mary Rose Gaughan; and three brothers Joseph, Paul, and Rocco Jr.

Mr. DeBergalis lived most of his life in Buffalo's Lovejoy neighborhood. He took pride in his heritage and community, holding membership in the Big Timers Italian-American Club. In his down time, he enjoyed a variety of activities including gardening, cooking, and stone carving.

Mr. Speaker, I kindly ask you to join me and our colleagues as we stand in this moment to honor the life of Mr. Louis C. DeBergalis and offer our deepest condolences to his family.

EQUAL PAY DAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, women played a tremendous role in the 2012 elections—including fighting for equal pay. Today, we commemorate Equal Pay Day, the time typically three months into the new year that it takes for women's wages to catch up to what men were paid in the previous year. This is an annual reminder that the wallets of America's women are not as heavy as they should be because women face pay discrimination. Even when accounting for education, industry, and hours worked there remains a wage gap.

Women's lifetime earnings will never recover from the persistent reduction in wages they receive relative to their male counterparts. Nationwide, women make 77 cents for every dollar earned by a man. While these sound like pennies, in fact they add up to a yearly gap of \$11,084 between full-time working men and women. This decrease in take home pay affects not just women but also their families.

In New York City, which I'm proud to represent, women who work full time are paid 85 cents for every dollar paid to men who work full time, adding up to a yearly gap of \$8,429. As a result, New York City's women collectively lose more than \$23 million a year because of the wage gap. This is simply unacceptable for working women and their families in New York and nationwide.

In the 111th Congress, I was proud to serve as the first female Chair of the Joint Economic Committee. At the end of my tenure I issued the report, "Invest in Women, Invest in America: A Comprehensive Review of Women in the U.S. Economy." This comprehensive report included research done by the Committee, testimony from several hearings, and GAO reports assessing the detrimental gender wage gap for part-time workers and older Americans as well as wider discussions of women's continued under-representation in management level positions. As I said in that report, "The decisions we make today will have dramatic impacts on our nation's future economic well-being, and we must carefully consider what those decisions will mean for women, both as consumers and as producers."

There is a remedy to this persistent problem of unequal pay. I have consistently supported the Paycheck Fairness Act, commonsense legislation that gives women the tools to fight wage discrimination and provides stronger workplace protections for working women. This Congress must stand up for working fam-

ilies and provide for the basic rights and fairness of 51 percent of the U.S. population.

34TH ANNIVERSARY OF TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, for sixty years the United States and Taiwan have fostered a close relationship that has been of mutual political, economic, cultural and strategic benefit. When the United States shifted diplomatic relations from the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the People's Republic of China in January 1979, Congress moved quickly to pass the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) to ensure that the United States would have continued commercial and cultural relations with Taiwan. This year marks the 34th anniversary of the TRA.

This important piece of legislation codified the basis for relations between the U.S. and Taiwan and has been instrumental in maintaining peace, security and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

Today, Taiwan is one of the leading U.S. trading partners and, in my district, accounts for the second-largest percentage of cargo activity at the Port of Long Beach.

It is my hope that the United States and Taiwan will continue to work together to promote enduring peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

HONORING MS. LANA FELTON-GHEE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Lana Felton-Ghee, a constituent of Pennsylvania's 1st District, for her 66th birthday.

Born, raised and educated in Philadelphia, Lana is well known for her successes in business and politics. Graduating from Temple University, Ms. Felton-Ghee led a longtime, high profile career in marketing and public relations. She established her own business in 1995, Lana Felton-Ghee Associates, Inc., and took on challenging projects in our area and throughout the country. Her expertise was recognized nationally, and she became a key consultant on campaigns for figures such as Mayor Ed Rendell and President Bill Clinton.

Throughout her busy and successful career, Ms. Felton-Ghee also made time for a fulfilling family life and is a proud mother of four and grandmother of ten.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Ms. Felton-Ghee and her birthday. Ms. Felton-Ghee is the epitome of a life-long Philadelphian and a model citizen. We can all learn something from her fortitude and her commitment to her career, her city and her family. She has been known to say that "there is no place like Philadelphia," but Philadelphia would not be nearly as bright a place without her vibrant and dedicated personality.

CONTRACT SCREENER REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the "Contract Screener Reform and Accountability Act."

Together with my colleagues in the House, Representative NITA LOWEY of New York and CEDRIC RICHMOND of Louisiana, I am introducing this legislation to reform, enhance oversight of, and provide greater workforce protections to the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) contract screener program known as the Screening Partnership Program (SPP). I am very pleased that a companion measure is being introduced in the other chamber by Senator SHERROD BROWN of Ohio.

Specifically, the "Contract Screener Reform and Accountability Act" would:

Bar subsidiaries of foreign owned corporations from providing for security screening at domestic airports under the SPP;

Mandate covert testing of contract screeners so that their performance can be monitored and compared to airports where screening is carried out by TSA and protect the integrity of those tests by imposing penalties for compromising such testing;

Require security breaches at airports with contracted screening services to be reported;

Ensure national security through requiring training for the proper handling of sensitive security information at SPP airports;

Provide new compensation, benefits, and whistleblower protections for screeners; and

Enhance customer service for the flying public who are screened at SPP airports.

With enactment of the "FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012" (P.L. 112-95), subsidiaries of foreign owned corporations are permitted, for the first time since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to provide screening services at our nation's commercial service airports. This change in law was enacted without debate about the security implications and despite the need, in the current economic climate, to encourage opportunities for U.S. companies rather than outsourcing work and diverting taxpayer dollars to subsidiaries of foreign owned corporations.

The reforms concerning covert testing are necessary in light of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General's previous finding that the contractor for screening services at San Francisco International Airport (SFO), the nation's largest and busiest airport with contract screeners, compromised covert testing.

It is imperative that the integrity of covert security testing be protected so that we are assured that contract screeners perform at the same level as Transportation Security Officers.

TSA has reported numerous security breaches occurring regularly at airports with contract screeners, including at SFO. These breaches include contract screener personnel not detecting prohibited items such as knives and bullets in carry-on baggage, improperly clearing passengers without verification of their identity, and not conducting the required additional screening of passengers referred to secondary screening.

For example, on August 21, 2009, a passenger at SFO alarmed the walk-through

metal detector and was referred to the secondary area for additional screening. The passenger promptly let herself out of the holding area and collected her accessible property. It was three minutes before an employee of the private screening company noticed that she was missing.

More needs to be done to prevent security breaches at SPP airports.

Similarly, given that the documented mishandling of sensitive information can have tragic consequences, more needs to be done to prevent such violations as well.

Today, TSA does not have a process in place for ensuring that all employees of corporations with contracts for screening services receive training on the proper handling of sensitive information.

This is the case despite several instances of sensitive security information having been mishandled by employees of corporations with contracts for screening services under the SPP.

For example, on July 18, 2010, a new hire training manual containing sensitive security information (SSI) about screening practices was stolen after a private security company employee in possession of the manual removed it from SFO. In response, TSA sent a letter to the company that conducts screening services for SFO, as well as to all other SPP contractors, directing that any SSI materials be retained in a secure fashion at the airport and only removed with expressed, written permission of a TSA Contracting Officer.

I understand that similar incidents have occurred at other SPP airports. However, since TSA has not always taken action or documented their actions to correct the mishandling of the SSI information, reports on such incidents are currently unavailable.

Regarding workforce protections, the bill would protect workers' pay and benefits by requiring that when an airport privatizes, the private screening company provide Transportation Security Officers employed at the time of the switch the right of first refusal to screening jobs and offer compensation and benefits equal to or greater than what they received at the time the contract was awarded.

No worker on the front lines in securing our aviation system should lose their job, see a reduction in pay, or lose benefits because an airport opts to utilize a private screening company.

As all of my colleagues can attest to, customer service at airports, and in particular in the security screening lanes, is an issue that evokes passionate reactions from constituents all across the country.

Currently, there is no requirement that private screening companies report customer complaints regarding their screening experience to TSA or Congress. The bill would provide the public an avenue for expressing concerns with screening at airports with contract screeners, thus ensuring that the flying public's concerns can be addressed.

In the wake of the deadly attacks of September 11, 2001, TSA was created to secure all modes of transportation so that a terrorist attack on the scale of 9/11 would never happen again.

Since TSA's earliest days, it has struggled to fulfill its mission, but, with every passing year, it matures and improves as a security agency. Opponents of TSA have not forgone any opportunity to exploit a misstep to ad-

vance their ultimate goal—the dismantling of TSA. At the same time, they have willfully turned a blind eye to lapses, breaches, and problems at airports secured by contract screeners.

Just as we must act to strengthen TSA's security operations, it is imperative that we address SPP's glaring security challenges.

It is my hope that the "Contract Screener Reform and Accountability Act" be enacted to ensure that we do just that.

HONORING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF ARTHUR EVE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the former Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly, and my former colleague, Arthur O. Eve, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. A Korean war veteran, factory worker, national political activist, and tireless advocate for all those forced to occupy the margins of society, Art's selfless public service inspires me to this day.

Born in New York City and raised in Florida during segregation, Art arrived in Buffalo in February 1953. Having just earned his Bachelor's of Science from West Virginia State College, he enlisted in the United States Army. Art honorably served our country, fighting in the Korean War from 1953 to 1955. While serving his tour of duty in Germany, he managed a program for orphans, foreshadowing his legacy of advocacy for children, the elderly, the homeless, the poor, and all others who suffer discrimination.

In 1955, Art completed his service and returned to Buffalo, securing a job at a local Chevrolet plant. It was there he first observed the desperate plight Buffalo's youth. Due to a complete absence of role models and guidance, young people often succumbed to drugs and other criminal activities. A former All-High basketball player in Florida and an All-European player in Germany, Art intimately understood the immeasurable benefits of role models and organized activities in children's lives.

Art became inspired to quit his job at Chevrolet to seek a position in parks and recreation. He found civil service jobs, the foundation of our city, were rarely awarded based on merit. Determined to transform the system from within, Art joined the local Democratic Party and soon earned his position in the Parks Department.

A true reformer, Art was the sole ward leader who remained separate from the political establishment by 1958. He became known for his courageous independent activism and civil rights advocacy, which led to his election to the New York State Assembly in 1966.

Art dedicated his extraordinary tenure in the Assembly to representing those who others ignored. During his first term, he pioneered efforts to secure \$500,000 to begin the State University of New York system's SEEK/Educational Opportunity Program. The program provides financially disadvantaged students with academic support and supplemental funding to facilitate their pursuit of higher education. As of 2013, the program had \$3.5 million worth of funding.

Art's reputation as a champion of equality spread. Ahead of his time, Art supported many issues that remain relevant today, including legislation in favor of expanded access to healthcare and against hate crimes. By the 1970s, colleges in New York had established the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program to aid students without scholastic or financial resources. In 1988, the Kennedy Center recognized Art's legacy with their prestigious Distinguished Leadership in Arts and Education Award.

In 1979, Art became Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly. His tireless work towards equality and human rights brought national attention to the New York State Assembly. As Deputy Speaker, he was the highest ranking African American in the New York State Legislature. He was a founding member of the New York State Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus, and served on the committee of public officials who attempted to quell the conflict at Attica State Prison. He remained Deputy Speaker until his retirement from the State Assembly in 2002.

Art's rise to political prominence demonstrated great strides for the African-American community. In Buffalo, Art became the first African American to win the Buffalo Mayoral Democratic Primary. During his campaign, he led a historic voter registration drive, registering thousands of new African-American voters. Nationally, Art served as an adviser to Jesse Jackson's 1984 presidential campaign.

I feel highly privileged to have served with Art in the State Assembly from 1999 to 2002. During my time there, I valued Art's advice and counsel. As a new legislator in Albany, I treasured the wisdom and companionship of my colleague and fellow advocate for Western New York. To this day, I feel extremely fortunate to have shared time in the New York State Legislature with Art.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to celebrate Arthur Eve's extraordinary work in honor of his 80th birthday. I am profoundly grateful for his service and friendship, and continue to be inspired by his incredible legacy.

IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember those who perished during the Holocaust and to honor those who survived.

This week, when the world observes Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, we recall the 6 million who died at the hands of the Nazis. We remember their stories—as sons, daughters, mothers, fathers. Whole communities have been lost.

This week, Congress will assemble for a memorial service for the Days of Remembrance to pay our respects to the victims of the Holocaust.

In Washington, DC, Yom Hashoah is commemorated as part of the Days of Remembrance sponsored by U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. The theme of this year's event is "Never Again: Heeding the Warning Signs." The theme raises questions:

When faced with opportunities to stop the Nazis, why did we miss the warning signs? How could we have failed to act? These questions speak to us today about our responsibility to act—even when others don't.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. This year, they convened an intergenerational walk with Holocaust survivors to bring awareness to the community. Pan Pacific Park was transformed into a timeline of the events of the Holocaust so that participants could learn more about the deep tragedy of Nazi atrocities. This event also shows survivors that they are not alone. They have a community around them to support them.

It is my honor to represent the Los Angeles area, which is home to approximately 10,000 survivors. This week—and every week—we honor their courage and their strength. At a time when fewer and fewer survivors are alive to tell their stories, we must all bear witness to their tremendous legacy.

RECOGNIZING THE 27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, April marks the 27th annual National Alcohol Awareness Month.

As co-chair of the House Addiction, Treatment and Recovery (ATR) caucus, I rise today to talk about the importance of this milestone and to applaud the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD), which since 1987 has sponsored Alcohol Awareness Month to increase public awareness and understanding, reduce stigma and encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues.

Alcohol abuse is one of the leading causes of death in this country and is a huge contributor to other pressing health care problems like hypertension, high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke. Not a day goes by that we as a Caucus don't hear another story about the tragedy wrought by the abuse of alcohol. Some have even gone so far as to call the abuse of alcohol and other drugs the number one public health crisis facing this country.

This year, National Alcohol Awareness Month is highlighting the important public health issue of underage drinking, a problem with devastating individual, family and community consequences. With this year's theme, "Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow," the month of April will be filled with local, state, and national events aimed at educating people about the treatment and prevention of alcoholism. Local NCADD Affiliates as well as schools, colleges, churches, and countless other community organizations will sponsor activities that create awareness and encourage individuals and families to get help for alcohol-related problems.

Alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous—both to themselves and to society, and is directly associated with traffic fatalities, violence, suicide, educational failure, alcohol overdose, unsafe sex and other problem behaviors. Annually, over 6,500 people under the age of 21 die from alcohol-related injuries.

Additionally:

Alcohol is the number one drug of choice for America's young people, and is more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined.

Each day, 7,000 kids in the United States under the age of 16 take their first drink.

More than 1,700 college students in the U.S. are killed each year—about 4.65 a day—as a result of alcohol-related injuries.

25% of U.S. children are exposed to alcohol-use disorders in their family. Underage alcohol use costs the nation an estimated \$62 billion annually.

And yet, these statistics don't fully convey the danger of underage drinking. The more we learn about the human brain, the more we learn how dangerous early drinking is for underage drinkers.

Reducing underage drinking is critical to securing a healthy future for America's youth and requires a cooperative effort from parents, schools, community organizations, business leaders, government agencies, the entertainment industry and alcohol manufacturers/retailers. Underage drinking is a complex issue, one that can only be solved through a sustained and cooperative effort. As a nation, we need to wake up to the reality that for some, alcoholism and addiction develop at a young age and that prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery support are essential for them and their families. We can't afford to wait any longer.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to highlight this important issue with a National Alcohol Awareness Month event in their districts. This is a problem that plagues all of our communities but working together, we can restore hope to our young people and their families.

GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD WINS TOP ACOE AWARD

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Georgia National Guard on being selected as the winner of the National Guard Special Category in the 2013 Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) awards competition.

It is a source of pride to see Georgia's own National Guard recognized for excellence. These servicemen and women have gone above and beyond the call of duty to earn this prestigious award.

The yearly ACOE competition reviews leadership, strategic planning, customer focus, and performance criteria to rank installations on their overall Army readiness and quality management. The U.S. Army chief of staff chooses National Guard installations that best exemplify these qualities.

As this year's deserving winner, the Georgia National Guard's prize will include funding towards installation upgrades that will improve facilities, and boost morale of soldiers, retirees, and civilians serving there.

Mr. Speaker, this is a momentous occasion for the State of Georgia, and it is with sincere gratitude that I would like to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the Georgia National Guard for the sacrifice and hard work

that ensures America's safety and won them this esteemed award.

HONORING FRANCIS B. GIBBS

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements and the unwavering commitment to public service of Francis B. Gibbs.

It seems like yesterday that Francis came to Washington to work for his hometown congressman, Ander Crenshaw. He went on to be a trusted aide and friend to U.S. Rep. Connie Mack. Francis spent over five years by Congressman Mack's side, and his fingerprints could be found on legislative matters concerning government expansion, protection of our Constitution and the principles of federalism.

Francis is a man rooted in principle. From his work on the Patriot Act to defending freedom for people in Venezuela and around the Western Hemisphere, Francis served as a tireless advocate for making this government a "more perfect Union" by protecting people's individual rights and liberty.

After his son Couper was born, Francis and his wife LeAnne—who worked for Congressman Mike Pence—decided to leave Washington to raise their new family in the Sunshine State. Francis took his drive and passion back to the Florida Department of Transportation, where he serves as the chief of staff, leveraging his experience in Washington with his knack for building consensus to get the right things done for the right reasons.

Mr. Speaker, we know all too well that the political arena can be viewed as a cold and cynical process. Francis's approach has always been different. He builds bridges and more importantly, he creates enduring friendships that remind us that there is a way to serve honorably.

Francis is now facing a fight with colon cancer. He has fought this with the same tenacity he exuded during his congressional days when he battled legislative threats to the Constitution—with passion and grace.

LeAnne, has been a constant source of strength, compassion and grace. Ernest Hemingway had somebody like LeAnne in mind when he wrote "courage is grace under fire." Their anchors are two beautiful children, Couper and Riley.

Francis has a long-term view of what America can and should be. He believes that ultimately America promises a better life for the next generation. He embodies everything that this promise stands for, and his children will live out this American Dream that their dad shaped. Over the years, legislative achievements are forgotten by the public and often become footnotes in a textbook. However, the difference that Francis made—the issues he worked on—will carry on. More importantly, the way he treated people will not be forgotten by those of us fortunate enough to spend time in these hallowed halls.

Mr. Speaker, let us today celebrate Francis Gibbs, honor his wife LeAnne, and tell his children that America will be a better place for them because of the work, love and devotion of their parents.

HONORING PATAGONIA FOUNDER
YVON CHOUINARD, RECIPIENT
OF THE LOS PADRES FOREST
WATCH WILDERNESS LEGACY
AWARD

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I congratulate Yvon Chouinard, the 2013 recipient of the Los Padres Forest Watch Wilderness Legacy Award.

Mr. Chouinard started out as a self-taught blacksmith, selling aluminum pitons for mountain climbing out of the trunk of his car. The only pitons available at that time were made of soft iron, placed once, and then left in the rock to rust. In Yosemite, multiday ascents requiring hundreds of placements had left these once-smooth majestic surfaces scarred and pocked. Aluminum pitons revolutionized the sport, preventing further damage and preserving awe-inspiring peaks across the United States. This past year, the company Mr. Chouinard founded, Patagonia, Inc., grossed \$414 million dollars in sales.

As his business expanded to outdoor gear and clothing, Mr. Chouinard has brought these same ethical principles to bear by using recycled and organic materials and adapting energy efficient production methods. Every year, Patagonia pledges 1% of its yearly sales to further conservation work across the globe. Patagonia's tireless commitment has proven that in business the planet does not need to be sacrificed for profit.

Patagonia is an invaluable partner in the Ventura County community, working with local organizations like Los Padres Forest Watch to protect California's wild places. Shortly after Los Padres Forest Watch held its first board meeting in 2004, they received a grant from Patagonia. Since that time, Patagonia has generously given grants to support their important local forest protection work, as well as volunteering their employees, donating their products, and organizing fundraising events like the annual 5k Salmon Run. Yvon Chouinard and Patagonia have had a positive and lasting influence on the preservation of the Los Padres National Forest.

I am pleased to join Los Padres Forest Watch in honoring Mr. Chouinard for his legacy of environmental activism and ensuring Patagonia is an exemplary model of environmental corporate stewardship.

JOHN PATRICK FISCHBACH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud John Patrick Fischbach for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. John Patrick Fischbach is a 12th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by John Patrick Fischbach is exemplary of the type of

achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to John Patrick Fischbach for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today, on the 34th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, I want to take a moment to recognize this landmark legislation, the special relationship that exists between the United States and Taiwan, and the exceptional work by this Congress to reinforce the bond between our peoples. Yesterday also marked another important date in U.S. Taiwan relations: the 11th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus. Since April 9, 2002, the Taiwan Caucus has grown into one of the most prominent caucuses in Congress with almost 140 current members, and has led the way in strengthening diplomatic, security, and economic relations between our two nations.

Since this Congress came together 34 years ago to pass the Taiwan Relations Act, the legislation has constituted the cornerstone of our unique relationship with one of the world's most vibrant democracies. For 30 years, the United States recognized the Republic of China (Taiwan) as the legitimate representative of the Chinese people. Yet, in 1979, the Carter administration switched sides and recognized the People's Republic of China, and at the same time derecognized the Republic of China (Taiwan). In an effort to counter this act of injustice, a unified United States Congress came together to pass the Taiwan Relations Act. To this day, our great nations continue to prosper through mutually beneficial trade relations, shared security interests, and the policies codified by the Taiwan Relations Act.

Mr. Speaker, while recognizing the accomplishments of the Taiwan Relations Act, we must also recognize the need to strengthen our commitment to Taiwan through expanded diplomatic, security, and trade ties. Earlier this year, I was proud to introduce, with my colleagues, the co-chairs of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, Representatives MARIO DIAZ-BALART, JOHN CARTER, ALBIO SIRE, GERALD CONNOLLY, the Taiwan Policy Act, which seeks to accomplish these goals. If enacted, our proposed legislation would permit Taiwan's leaders to meet with U.S. officials in all executive branches, authorize the transfer of decommissioned Perry class guided missile frigates, and support the sale of F16 C/D fighter jets to the Armed Forces of Taiwan. With the growing antagonism of North Korea and the ever expanding territorial ambitions of China, our alliance with the democratic nation of Taiwan is even more important.

In 2012, as our 11th largest trading partner, 16th largest export market, and 11th largest

import market, Taiwan and the United States shared in \$63.2 billion in total trade. It is clear that Taiwan is already a close and valuable trade partner for the United States but there is more work to be done. We are glad that TIFA talks were resumed and that the most recent round was concluded in a satisfying fashion. As a next step, our U.S. Trade Representative should begin negotiations on a Bilateral Investment Agreement. A free trade agreement with Taiwan should be our ultimate goal and it is my hope that we can begin negotiations in the near future. The United States should also support Taiwan receiving observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization.

We, as a nation, are fortunate to have Taiwan as an ally, friend, and one of our largest trading partners. Taiwan is a nation we truly can depend upon; a people who share the same dreams and aspirations as we do here in the United States. Today, we remember our predecessors here in the United States Congress who created the Taiwan Relations Act, as well as the founding members of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, who have helped the relationship between our two nations blossom into an enduring partnership.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN KRIGGER

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, when the horses line up in Churchill Downs for the running of the Kentucky Derby next month, all eyes in my district, the U.S. Virgin Islands, will be on young Kevin Krigger, a jockey from my home island of St. Croix, who will be riding the horse Goldcents.

We are all proud of Kevin, who grew up in LaVallee and attended Central High School. According to Kevin, he has always wanted to be a jockey and grew up in the sport, riding horses on the beaches and country roads of the island and challenging anyone he could to a race. Before he was recruited by other Virgin Islands born jockeys who race in the States to join their ranks, he was well known on the tracks of St. Croix, St. Thomas and Tortola as a talent to watch. He proved himself riding on the West Coast, in particular at Emerald Downs in Seattle, Washington before his historic win on Saturday at the Santa Anita Derby.

With Saturday's win, Kevin Krigger has become the first African American to win the Santa Anita Derby. Last fall, he was the first African American jockey to win a million dollar race in Louisiana's Delta Jackpot. If he rides Goldcents to victory in the Kentucky Derby next month, he will become the first African American to do so since 1902. Goldcents is co-owned by the stable of Louisville basketball coach Rick Pitino and is trained by Doug O'Neill.

Mr. Speaker, Kevin Krigger's family and fans in the U.S. Virgin Islands will be cheering wildly on the first Saturday in May. I congratulate his mother Averil Simmonds and father Albert Krigger, Jr. We are all proud of this young man and his accomplishments and wish him Godspeed in this and all of his future endeavors.

HONORING INVESTIGATOR
FRANCESCO Z. McBRIDE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Investigator Francesco Z. McBride, a constituent of my district, who has been chosen to receive the distinguished honor of the Amtrak Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2012 for his numerous and significant contributions to the department.

A resident of Sharon Hill, Investigator McBride joined the Amtrak Police Department (APD) in 2001 initially as an Officer, and is now an Investigator in Amtrak's Mid-Atlantic Division. He is a member of the APD Pipe and Drum Unit.

Investigator McBride's exemplary service has resulted in arrests in cases that have a combined monetary value of approximately \$325,000. These cases include copper wire theft in Baltimore that has resulted in damage and serious disruptions to train operations; recovering Amtrak-owned tools and equipment from burglar's barn; and tracking down the culprits of the theft of copper materials in Philadelphia. These are just a few examples of Investigator McBride's invaluable work that has earned him the distinction of Amtrak Police Officer of the Year.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring the Officer of the Year, Investigator McBride, for his admirable work with Amtrak.

COMMENDING THE ANTHONY
TELESCA FOUNDATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Anthony Telesca Foundation for selflessly working to improve the safety of communities in Florida by promoting safe driving habits to Florida's teenagers. The organization helps to educate and encourage teenagers to drive safely by hosting safety awareness functions with local high schools and law enforcement officials.

In December 2002, 16-year-old Anthony Joseph Telesca passed away as the result of a reckless driving incident. As a result of this unfortunate and tragic incident, the Anthony Telesca Foundation was created to work with local high school and law enforcement officials to increase driver safety awareness among teenagers. The Foundation also provides scholarships and philanthropic support in order to meet its mission of preventing reckless teenage driving and driving accidents, injuries, and fatalities.

Among other activities, the Foundation has hosted events with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and high schools in northern Pinellas County, Florida, which I represent, to reward teenagers who have been observed practicing safe driving habits. Educating and rewarding teenagers to drive safe has helped to prevent needless motor accidents from occurring.

Mr. Speaker, in the decade since the unfortunate passing of Anthony Telesca, the foundation that was established in his honor has represented the best of the human spirit, and the organization has become a shining example of how to turn an unfortunate tragedy into something meaningful. The Anthony Telesca Foundation's humanitarian efforts and successes exemplify the strength and compassion within people, and I commend them for their contributions.

JOEY ROOT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Joey Root for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Joey Root is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Joey Root is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Joey Root for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 90 "to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project" (H.R. 254). Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

RESOLUTION ON APRIL AS
PARKINSON'S DISEASE MONTH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, along with my fellow co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's Disease, Reps. Peter King and Chris Van Hollen, today I am introducing a resolution designating April as Parkinson's Awareness Month. As co-chairs of the Caucus we have worked to bring attention to the second most common neurological disease in the United States. This chronic, progressive neurological disease de-

bilitates those living with Parkinson's and affects their families, as well. In the U.S. there are an estimated 500,000 to 1.5 million people with Parkinson's disease, with some predictions showing the prevalence will more than double by 2040.

Currently, there is no therapy or drug to slow its progression and a cure has yet to be found. This resolution supports continued education and research to find more effective treatments and eventually a cure. It also applauds the dedicated organizations, volunteers, medical researchers, and millions of Americans working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families.

As the loved one of someone afflicted by Parkinson's disease, I witnessed personally the effect of Parkinson's disease on my father. As a result, I know firsthand that we must provide support to the loved ones, caregivers and researchers attempting to improve the welfare of those living with Parkinson's. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING TAIWAN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). On April 10th, the United States and the Republic of China, more commonly referred to as Taiwan, will celebrate the 34th anniversary of the TRA, which is the premier law that governs U.S.-Taiwan bilateral relations. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter signed the TRA into law and since that time it has been the cornerstone to maintaining peace, security, and stability in the Western Pacific. The TRA has held up well for over 34 years and is an important reminder of the strong alliance between our two sides.

All facets of the U.S.-Taiwan bilateral relationship—cultural, economic, and strategic—have expanded and grown stronger since the signing into law of the TRA. Taiwan is the United States' 10th largest trading partner. Taiwan is the seventh largest export market for U.S. agriculture. Since 1998, Taiwan has purchased over \$5.5 billion dollars in corn and \$4 billion in soybeans from the United States. For my home state of Indiana, Taiwan is one of its top export markets in Asia. Recently, Taiwan signed a multi-million dollar agreement with the State of Indiana for the purchase of corn and soybeans for the years 2012 and 2013. Without a doubt, Hoosier farmers and my state's economy have benefitted greatly from trade agreements with Taiwan.

As a new member of the House Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I have had the pleasure to meet with Ambassador Pu-tung King, Taiwan's Representative serving in Washington, DC. We discussed the unique circumstances that define our two countries' relations. I look forward to working with Ambassador King on additional initiatives that could benefit the people of Indiana and Taiwan.

I was pleased to learn from Ambassador King of the many steps Taiwan has taken to reduce tensions with China, their neighbors along the Taiwan Strait. Although Taiwan and

China split amid civil war in 1949, bilateral relations between the two are at an all-time high. Today, China is Taiwan's largest trading partner. Starting in 2008, Taiwan and China signed an agreement to improve direct links between the two countries. This agreement has been a resounding success eliminating barriers to air and sea travel between the two sides. As a result, there are about 600 direct passenger flights that operate each week between Taiwan and China. Cargo ships now transit directly between the two sides. Building upon the successes of the 2008 agreement, in 2010, Taiwan and China signed a landmark trade agreement called the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement, which reduced tariffs and commercial barriers between the two sides. The people of China and Taiwan are more connected today than ever before.

Like many of my colleagues in the House, I believe that a strong Taiwan is vital for maintaining stability in the region. Like Congressman ROYCE, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I, too, support the sale of newer, diesel submarines and F-16s upgrades to Taiwan's government, which will serve to protect U.S. national interests in the region. I intend to work closely with my Congressional colleagues to encourage the Administration to expedite the U.S. sale of needed military hardware to Taiwan's government.

Simply put, a strong, prosperous Taiwan serves both our nations' interests. I am certainly thankful to my predecessors who passed the Taiwan Relations Act, which remains the hallmark of the U.S.-Taiwan alliance.

JESUS LOZANO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jesus Lozano for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jesus Lozano is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jesus Lozano is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jesus Lozano for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF GLEN DOHERTY, VICTIM OF THE ATTACK ON THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BENGHAZI

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Mr. Glen Doherty, who was tragically killed on September 11, 2012 at the age of 42 in the armed assault against the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. I commend Mr. Doherty's career and offer my sincerest thanks for his dedicated service in protecting our nation.

A desire to push himself and to use his talents to make genuine change in the world led Glen to join the Navy SEALs in 1995, where he served as a paramedic and sniper in the Middle East. Among other missions, his team responded to the terrorist attack on the *USS Cole* in 2000. Following knee reconstruction in 2001, Glen had planned on leaving the military but when our nation was attacked on September 11th, Glen decided to remain with the SEALs.

Mr. Doherty twice deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. On his first tour, he joined the earliest Marine contingents on their march to Baghdad. He was taken from his unit for sniper duty for several days, but returned to them before they took Baghdad and continued with them to take Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit as well. Glen believed that the possibility of liberating a troubled country from a tyrant and making democracy possible for the Iraqi people was something worth risking his life.

In 2005, Glen left the SEALs, but remained focused on the Middle East as a private security contractor. He worked for peace and security in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Lebanon, and other high threat areas in the region.

I again offer Mr. Doherty my sincerest thanks and hope that his family and those who knew him best can find comfort in the outstanding service he gave his nation, as well as the passion and conviction that drove him into a career and life of defending others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Glen Doherty and his selfless sacrifice to a grateful nation.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1287

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R.1287, the Sound Science Act of 2013. Congressman STEPHEN FINCHER and I introduced this bill on March 20, 2013 to ensure the highest level of Scientific Integrity at our federal agencies.

Our bill is a sensible approach requiring federal agencies to develop scientific integrity policies that adhere to the scientific method, therefore maximizing the quality and integrity of science used in the regulatory decision-making process.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is a continuation of the efforts the Administration has put forth on the issue of scientific integrity. In March of 2009, President Obama issued a Presidential memorandum directing the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to require federal departments and agencies to develop procedures "for restoring scientific integrity to government decision making."

At the beginning of last year, the President continued this work by issuing Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review," which stated that each agency "shall ensure the objectivity of any scientific and technological information and processes used to support the agency's regulatory actions."

Since that process began, departments and agencies have developed their own policies to address the President's concerns. Unfortunately, not all agencies have made an equal commitment to scientific integrity.

In fact, earlier this month, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), released a report on the status of such policies—now four years after this process started. Unfortunately, a variety of Departments and agencies have received an unfavorable review from UCS, including the Department of Energy, Health and Human Services, and the USDA to name a few. UCS notes that these departments have developed "policies that do not make adequate commitments to scientific integrity."

This bill attempts to address some of the inadequacies highlighted by UCS and builds on the Administration's initiative by codifying the requirement that the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy compel each federal agency to develop guidelines regarding the scientific information used by federal agencies.

Additionally, this legislation clarifies that scientific information be supported by peer review when appropriate; ensures that scientific studies used in making decisions be disclosed to the public, and requires an opportunity for stakeholder input.

It also requires federal agencies to give greatest weight to information based on reproducible data that is developed in accordance with the scientific method.

Finally, the bill establishes any regulatory action in violation of an agency's internal scientific integrity guidelines be deemed arbitrary and subject to challenge by affected stakeholders.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill to ensure that government decisions are fact-based and made in sound science.

HONORING ARMY CORPORAL
WILLIAM L. McMILLAN III

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, nearly five years ago Army Corporal William L. McMillan III gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and was only 22 years of age when he gave his life for this country.

There is nothing as noble as the character of a man who so willingly dedicates his life for others. The American warriors serving our military, and their families, understand that better than anybody. They embody what it means to be an American.

William McMillan gave his life on June 8, 2008 in Baghdad when his patrol was struck by an improvised explosive device. CPL McMillan is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his parents, Marge and Lloyd McMillan; his brother Brad, sister Laura Buchanan and husband Rob, niece Paige, and nephew Chance.

William grew up in Lexington, Kentucky, and was always going to be a military man like his father, who graduated from West Point and served in Vietnam. He was a star athlete at Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia, where he was captain of the football, wrestling, and lacrosse teams. He attended Virginia Military Institute for one year before enlisting in the Army. William was serving his first tour of duty in Iraq, and his awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Combat Action Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Weapons Qualifications Badge of Expert.

We grieve the loss of this American warrior, but we celebrate and honor his life and his service. William stood for the best of the American ideals and values exemplified in our fighting infantrymen. He served this Nation as the fine soldier he always wanted to be. He fought for liberty for a people he did not know in a land where he had never been.

As a U.S. Congressman, I am forever grateful for William McMillan's service to our country and am both humbled and honored by the sacrifice he made for the price of our freedom. Because of his bravery and that of his fellow men and women in uniform, our American freedoms are protected for future generations. Truly, he is a hero to us all.

LOGAN BANNER 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of a local newspaper in the heart of the coalfields of southern West Virginia. This year, the Logan Banner celebrates 125 years of excellence in journalism and service to the greater Logan County area and beyond.

For a century and a quarter, the Logan Banner has made banner headlines out of local and regional news stories that inform its readers on matters most important to them, what is happening in their own backyards.

In a world awash in news and information services, there is still no substitute for home-grown news coverage on the important events and happenings that only a local community paper can provide. From the city crime report to the latest little league scores, the Banner is the face of the community.

Through thick and thin, the Banner has operated as a reliable news source for Southern West Virginia's coal counties, and today,

through subscription and on-line edition, the newspaper knows no geographic bounds around the globe.

Our Founders were quick to add in the first amendment to our Constitution, declaring Congress shall make no law to abridge the freedom of the press. Our Republic has been buoyed over the centuries by dedicated journalists doing a yeoman's task of reporting the news of the day regardless of whose ox is being gored. As a recent Banner editorial proclaimed, within its pages, the reader gets the good, the bad, and the ugly of insightful news impacting their lives.

Every member of the Logan Banner's team can take due pride in knowing that with every edition of the Banner they publish, they strengthen the bulwark of our Republic, a more informed citizen. Mr. Speaker, fellow colleagues, in recognition of its lasting contribution to our Nation, please join me in wishing Godspeed to the Logan Banner in its next 125 years of publishing.

JENNICA TROVER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jennica Trover for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jennica Trover is a 10th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jennica Trover is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jennica Trover for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MEMBER OF CONGRESS PAY SEQUESTRATION AND FAIRNESS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Member of Congress Pay Sequestration and Fairness Act, which would subject the pay of Members of the House and Senate to any future sequestration, or automatic, across-the-board spending cuts. While Members of Congress may differ on the merits of sequestration, once the cuts are a matter of law, Members should abide by the laws we impose on the American people. The most serious effects of these arbitrary, across-the-board cuts are being felt by the American people. For example, during the remainder of this fiscal year, as a result of sequestration cuts to

Medicare, many cancer clinic patients will have to go to hospitals for outpatient chemotherapy at sharply higher costs, or face reduced access to treatment. More than a million federal employees may be furloughed, which will result in reduced pay. It is simply unfair for well-paid Members of Congress to subject federal employees, who not only usually earn considerably less but are now also in their third year of frozen wages, to pay cuts that Members are unwilling to take themselves.

Under the 1985 law that established the sequestration process, the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (also known as the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act), Congress expressly exempted certain federal programs, activities, and projects, including the President's pay, from sequestration. The pay of Members of Congress is not expressly exempt. Nevertheless, the Office of Management and Budget has interpreted the law to exempt the pay of Members. I would hope that today's Congress would revise the law. My bill would subject Member pay to any future sequestration implemented under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, including the Budget Control Act of 2011 and the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010. In order to comply with the 27th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits changes to Member pay until an intervening election, this bill would take effect next Congress.

I ask my colleagues to follow the example we set for ourselves when, in passing the Congressional Accountability Act, we pledged that the laws that apply to the American people would also apply to Members of Congress.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF OLIVE "OLLIE" MAYER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of an extraordinary woman. Ollie Mayer died at the age of 94, in Woodside, California, after a lifetime of firsts, mosts, and bests. She was a force of nature, a force for nature, and a force for all things good and just. She was ahead of her time in everything she did, and the list of challenges she dared to face is long and daunting. Our beloved San Francisco Peninsula has been the beneficiary of so much of her brilliance and activism, and our world is a better place because she graced it.

Olive Hendricks was born on the East Coast and studied engineering at Swarthmore College. She and her husband, Dr. Henry Mayer, met while hiking the Rocky Mountains. They moved to Woodside, California, where Ollie started a machine shop, then a science education company, and then began devoting all her energies to environmental causes in the early 1970s. She was an activist for free speech during the McCarthy era and provided support for victims of blacklisting. She was an organizer of cultural exchanges between U.S. and Soviet women in the early 1960s. She was an early opponent of the Vietnam war and an early civil rights activist. She fearlessly took on unpopular causes, often alone. What an extraordinary example she set for generations to come.

Ollie's husband, Dr. Mayer, preceded her in death. She was the loving mother of Judy and Robert, and the devoted grandmother of four. She leaves behind countless friends, and I feel privileged to count myself among that group. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our condolences to her family and her friends who mourn the passing of this great and good woman who did so much to strengthen our democracy and protect our environment, and lived a life that stands as an eloquent statement for the ages.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE
SIMON WIESENTHAL HOLOCAUST
EDUCATION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Week, I am pleased to reintroduce the bipartisan Simon Wiesenthal Holocaust Education Act, along with Representatives RANGEL, WAXMAN, PIERLUISI, and GRIMM.

Named for the honored Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal, who spent his life working for justice for those murdered by the Nazis and to hunt down those who perpetrated such atrocities, this legislation would provide federal grants to educational organizations to teach students about the Holocaust. Through grants from the Department of Education, Holocaust organization programs would be able to apply for funds to improve the awareness and understanding of the Holocaust through classes, seminars, conferences, educational materials, and teacher training.

We must ensure that we learn from the legacy of previous generations of Holocaust survivors. Over 11 million people, including 6 million European Jews as well as gypsies, the disabled and mentally ill, homosexuals, and others, were systematically and brutally murdered in the Holocaust as the Nazis swept across Europe, destroying entire villages and communities.

More than half a century later, persecution and murder on the basis of religion, ethnicity, and sexuality continue across the globe. We need programs in our schools that allow students to learn about the consequences of intolerance and hate, so that we can truly say, "never again."

The Simon Wiesenthal Holocaust Education Assistance Act is a positive step toward that end. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

JAZMIN MONTOYA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jazmin Montoya for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jazmin Montoya is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jazmin Montoya is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jazmin Montoya for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

SRIRAM HATHWAR CLINCHES
SPOT FOR HIS FOURTH TRIP TO
THE NATIONAL SCRIPPS SPELL-
ING BEE IN WASHINGTON, DC

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sriram Hathwar who, this May, will compete in the National Scripps Spelling Bee for the fourth time in his scholastic career. During his first attendance in 2008, Hathwar notably became the youngest speller in the history of the event but was eliminated in the preliminaries. He performed increasingly better in 2009 and 2011, finishing sixth in 2011.

Sriram, a 12-year-old from Painted Post, New York, attends Corning's Alternative School for Math and Science. This year marks his sixth time contending in the Regional Spelling Bee, but it came with a new challenge: his younger brother. Out of 40 contestants, Sriram came head to head with his 10-year-old brother, Jairam Hathwar, in the final round. The last two standing flawlessly spelled out words such as "liquece" and "flexuosity" for three rounds, until Jairam stumbled on "jicama." Sriram then clinched the regional title with the word "mobiliary."

The National Scripps Spelling Bee, run on a not-for-profit basis by the E.W. Scripps Company and local spelling bee sponsors across the country, is the longest-running and largest educational promotion in the United States.

Sriram will compete live on ESPN in the 88th National Scripps Spelling Bee from May 28th–30th in our nation's capital. I wish him the best of luck in May.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE PRESTON WEST
REPUBLICAN WOMEN

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Preston West Republican Women. This group organized in 1953 and has continued its mission to represent and strengthen the voice of women in northern-most developmental areas of Dallas.

This organization's leadership has provided their community and their neighbors with the opportunity to meet and know their representatives in local, state and the federal govern-

ment. These exceptional women have worked diligently to recruit citizens and involve them in the political process, and promote the understanding of the conservative philosophy.

It is encouraging to see these leaders from Texas's Twenty-Fourth District do such great things. I continue to applaud them for their accomplishments over the last 60 years in raising awareness of their values, promoting the voice of women in North Dallas and being a guard for conservative beliefs.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor the members of the Preston West Republican Women for their 60 years of achievement and unwavering resolution in building this organization for the conservative women of North Dallas. I join their family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating them and wishing them continued growth and success.

IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in observance of the six million Jewish victims and millions of other victims who perished during the Shoah on Holocaust Remembrance Day.

As we commit ourselves to the memories of those lost, we must also remember the heroes and survivors of the Holocaust, whose strength and perseverance continue to inspire us to this day.

Our nation and the international community must never forget what took place throughout Europe during the Second World War at the hands of the murderous Nazis. Nor can we forget the government-sponsored discrimination, repression, and persecution that took place before the beginning of the war.

Throughout our country, Americans can observe the Holocaust at local community events, military bases, workplaces, schools, churches, synagogues, and museums. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, has designated "Never Again: Heeding the Warning Signs" as the theme for the 2013 observance.

In my hometown of Houston, Texas, the Holocaust Museum Houston is observing Holocaust Remembrance Day with testimonials from survivors and for concerned Houstonians to share their views about genocide and see what can be done to end genocide in the present day.

In Israel, Yom Hashoah is remembered annually with a two minute siren where the country comes to a standstill to pay tribute to the dead. Flags are flown at half mast and ceremonies and services are locally held throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude by asking our fellow citizens to take a moment this week to remember the memories of those who did not survive the Holocaust and to reflect on what we can do, as Americans, to prevent such a tragedy from happening again.

JOHN JONES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud John Jones for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. John Jones is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by John Jones is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to John Jones for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

**HONORING THE FLORIDA
HIGHWAYMEN****HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to honor the Florida Highwaymen, a group of twenty-six landscape artists who have been called "The Last Great American Art Movement of the 20th century."

Against tremendous odds and severe racial discrimination, these African American artists were able to define themselves as artistic innovators, producing more than 200,000 celebrated paintings.

The works of the Florida Highwaymen are unique. They developed their own individual techniques and captured waterscapes, backcountry marshes, and inlets before residential and industrial development. Their work—which is now proudly displayed in the Florida Capitol and the United States Senate—marks the beginning of Florida's contemporary art tradition and the "Indian River School" art movement.

Painting in the era of Jim Crow, the Highwaymen could not sell their paintings through traditional channels. Galleries and art festivals would not accept their works. The Highwaymen were forced to sell their artwork along roadsides in towns and cities throughout the eastern coastal roads of Florida. From the 1950s to the 1980s, the Highwaymen pressed forward, offering their works at bargain prices to the public. Until recently, countless Americans appreciated their artistry without knowing their identities.

The twenty-six members of the original Highwaymen are still alive. These men and women have earned their place in history. On Saturday, March 30, 2013, in the City of Pembroke Pines at the South West Focal Point Community Center their unique depictions of artwork will be displayed for the community to appreciate and view.

It is with heartfelt appreciation that I recognize their legacy. Please join me in honoring the Florida Highwaymen for their contributions to the world of art.

RECOGNIZING DAVID V. AGUILAR**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David V. Aguilar for his retirement from his position as Deputy Commissioner with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Mr. Aguilar has dedicated his service leading the agency in protecting our nation's borders and its communities.

Mr. Aguilar joined the Border Patrol in June 1978 at Laredo, Texas, where he held positions of Assistant Patrol Agent in Charge and Patrol Agent in Charge.

From 1988 to August 1996, Mr. Aguilar served as Patrol Agent in Charge of three Border Patrol Stations in Texas (Dallas, Rio Grande Valley and Brownsville). Under his command, the Dallas and Brownsville stations were awarded the Commissioner's Award for Group Achievement.

From August 1996 to November 1999, Mr. Aguilar served as Assistant Regional Director for the Border Patrol in the central region of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service. As such, Mr. Aguilar was the principal advisor to the Regional Director, where he managed, directed and guided the regional program.

Mr. Aguilar was subsequently appointed as Chief Patrol Agent of the Tucson Sector. As Tucson Sector Chief, he had more than 2,000 agents and 200 support personnel under his command. Mr. Aguilar had oversight of eight geographically dispersed Border Patrol stations along 261 miles of the Arizona/Mexico border. In 2003, the Tucson sector earned the CBP Commissioner's anti-terrorism award for achievements under Operation Desert Safe-guard, an operation planned, designed and implemented in the high-risk areas of the Tucson sector.

In March 2004, the Department of Homeland Security designated Mr. Aguilar as the Border and Transportation Security Integrator for the execution of the Arizona Border Control Initiative. In 2004, Mr. Aguilar was also elected as the President of the Southern Arizona Federal Executive Association.

In July 2004, Mr. Aguilar was named National Chief of the Border Patrol, assuming the position as the nation's highest-ranking Border Patrol agent. With expertise and knowledge gained from more than 31 years of service with the Border Patrol, Mr. Aguilar directed the enforcement efforts of more than 20,000 agents nationwide.

In April 2010, Mr. Aguilar was appointed Deputy Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. From December 2011 to August 2012, Mr. Aguilar served as acting Commissioner, CBP's highest-ranking official, leading the agency in border security, while fostering our Nation's economic security through lawful international trade and travel. Mr. Aguilar led a workforce of 60,000, including 43,000 uniformed law enforcement officers.

Mr. Aguilar holds an associate degree in accounting from the Laredo Community College, and attended Laredo State University and University of Texas at Arlington. He is a Senior Executive Fellow of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Mr. Aguilar is the recipient of the 2005 President's Meritorious Excellence Award and in 2008 was a recipient of the Presidential Rank Award.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to have the opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Aguilar for his outstanding service in protecting our communities and his extraordinary commitment to our country. He has truly contributed to this nation in his efforts to protect our borders.

**HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE
SENATOR NICHOLAS PETRIS****HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of California State Senator Nicholas Petris. Known throughout California politics as a brilliant democratic lawmaker with visionary foresight, Nicholas Petris was also renowned for his professionalism, speaking prowess, and tireless advocacy for the underserved. With his passing, we look to Senator Petris' political legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Over a career that spanned four decades, Senator Petris was a hero to many—pioneering initiatives far ahead of their time in areas like environmental protection, mental health rights, and low-income housing. A child of Greek immigrants, Nicholas Petris was born in Oakland and educated in the Bay Area, graduating from the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University Law School. He served in the Office of Strategic Service during World War II and practiced law for about a decade before being elected to the California Assembly in 1959.

In 1965, as an assemblyman, he famously collaborated with State Senator Eugene McAteer to write the bill that created the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, laying the foundation for the non-profit Save The Bay to protect the resource from harmful development. He also worked to direct crucial resources to expand the University of California system.

Upon being elected to the State Senate in 1967, he immediately worked to pass the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, which prohibited involuntary commitment and made quality mental health services more accessible. Furthermore, he continued the decade fearlessly taking on controversial battles: challenging the internal-combustion engine and emission practices of the auto industry and writing laws to ban smoking on airplanes and public transportation. These efforts eventually helped to usher in an era of air quality and clean-fuel regulation in California that was often stricter than the national standard. He also introduced bills to ban DDT and control ballooning vehicle numbers, which, although unsuccessful, demonstrated remarkable prescience in the face of today's environmental challenges.

As a passionate advocate for the poor, Senator Petris passed legislation that required redevelopment agencies to build housing for

low-income families. He also championed tenants' and workers' rights, inspiring lawmakers in both major parties to listen to the voices of average Californians. All the while, he was a loving husband to his wife of 60 years, the late Anna Vlahos.

On a personal note, I was incredibly honored to succeed Senator Petris upon his retirement due to term limits in 1996. He was a steadfast friend and provided wise counsel to me throughout my time in the California Legislature. Particularly, I will always remember Senator Petris and his beloved wife, Anna, taking me to dinner prior to my first visit to Greece. They provided me with invaluable travel tips for restaurants, shopping, and tourist attractions that made my first visit so exciting. Senator Petris' beloved Greece became one of my favorite countries to visit.

Today, we mourn the loss of a wise political pioneer, a respected lawmaker, and an innovative thinker who helped shape the State of California as we know it. His legislative insight, legendary eloquence, and the camaraderie he inspired among his colleagues is unmatched. Senator Nicholas Petris' legacy continues to thrive among generations of advocates committed to championing progressive California policy as a model for environmental and social justice throughout the world. I offer my sincerest condolences to his surviving family and to the many friends and associates whose lives he touched over the course of his long and fruitful life. He will be deeply missed.

JHAMIER RYAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jhamier Ryan for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jhamier Ryan is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jhamier Ryan is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jhamier Ryan for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 9th, 2013, I missed rollcall vote numbers 90, 91, and 92 for unavoidable reasons.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall no. 90: "yea" (On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 254, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamon Fork System of the Central Utah Project.)

Rollcall no. 91: "nay" (On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1033, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.)

Rollcall no. 92: "yea" (On approving the Journal.)

INTRODUCTION OF RFS REFORM ACT AND RFS ELIMINATION ACT

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I have long been a critic of the renewable fuel standard and we must act now to fix this broken policy.

While the livestock industry has been witnessing the effects of the RFS mandate for several years, the drought last year highlighted for many the extreme reach of the RFS throughout our economy. But even before the drought, by diverting feed stocks to fuel there have been diminished corn supplies for livestock and food producers. Tightening supplies have driven up the price of corn. The higher cost for corn is passed on to livestock and food producers. In turn, consumers see that price reflected in the price of food on the grocery store shelves and restaurants.

This year, the U.S. is expected to hit the blend wall—where the ethanol mandate will require more ethanol be produced than can be safely blended into gasoline. In order to address the blend wall by reducing the RFS mandate, EPA is working to push E15. EPA has granted a partial waiver to allow E15 blends for model cars 2001 and newer, despite the fact that a study from the Coordinating Research Council, commissioned by U.S. automakers and oil companies, found that 25 percent of cars approved by the EPA to run on E15 experienced engine damage—and even failure. The EPA should not be promoting fuel that is unsafe on the roadways just to meet a mandate.

EPA administrators from both parties have constantly refused to use the flexibility granted to them by law to alter the RFS, so Congress must act. That is why I am introducing two bills that would alter this artificially created government market.

The first bill, the Renewable Fuel Standard Elimination Act is simple; it would eliminate the RFS and make ethanol compete in a free market. The government should not be creating a market to sustain an entire industry. While, I believe that we should completely eliminate the RFS, I recognize that there may not yet be the political will in Congress to completely eliminate this mandate. And while there may not yet be the political will to elimi-

nate this mandate we have to address the reality that we are being confronted and reform the broken RFS policy.

That is why I have joined with several colleagues in introducing legislation to reform the RFS. The Renewable Fuel Standard Reform Act eliminates the corn based ethanol requirements and caps the amount of ethanol that can be blended into conventional gasoline at 10 percent—a level that is safe for all vehicle models. And this legislation will require the EPA to set cellulosic biofuels levels at production levels—oil and gas refiners should not be fined for not being able to blend products that do not exist.

More than 40 diverse organizations are joining us to call for action to address the problems created by the RFS mandate. This is no longer just a debate about fuel or food. It is also a debate about jobs, small business, and economic growth. This mandate has wide reaching and negative impacts on a broad swath of industries. Congress created this artificial market that is distorting the food and feed market, and we must provide relief of its unintended consequences. I urge the Congress to pass this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote Number 91 "To authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program" (H.R. 1033). Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

JEREMIAH BATES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jeremiah Bates for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jeremiah Bates is an 11th grader at Jeffco's 21st Century Virtual Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jeremiah Bates is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jeremiah Bates for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

NATIONAL ASSISTANT
PRINCIPALS WEEK**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for National Assistant Principals Week, April 8 through April 12, 2013. Assistant principals are vital school leaders responsible for establishing a positive learning environment and building strong school community relationships. The National Association of Secondary School Principals/Virco National Assistant Principal of the Year program began in 2004 to recognize outstanding middle and high school assistant principals who have demonstrated success in leadership, curriculum, and personalization. This week, 47 assistant principals from across the country will participate in professional development, networking, and advocacy to share best practices and discuss the issues facing school leaders today.

As a former principal, I would like to recognize these distinguished school leaders for the pivotal role they play in their school communities. Assistant principals interact with all sectors of the school community, including support and instructional staff members, students, and parents. Assistant principals play a significant role in the instructional leadership of the school by conducting instructional supervision, mentoring teachers, encouraging collaboration, and ensuring the implementation of best practices. Assistant principals also monitor student-achievement goals and progress, facilitate and model data-driven decision making to inform instruction, and foster continual school improvement. Furthermore, assistant principals support the day-to-day logistical operations of facility management, attendance, transportation, and scheduling, as well as supervise extra- and co-curricular events. Lastly, assistant principals are entrusted with maintaining an inviting, safe, and orderly school environment that supports the growth and achievement of each and every student by nurturing positive peer relationships, recognizing student achievement, analyzing behavior patterns, providing interventions, and conducting discipline.

I applaud the work of assistant principals and recognize their contributions to the success of students in schools in the United States. I encourage the people of the United States to observe National Assistant Principals Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the primacy of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education.

IN HONOR OF GREY NUN
ACADEMY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker I rise today to congratulate the 50th Anniversary of the Grey Nun Academy, a private Catholic school located within my district that serves pre-kindergarteners through the eighth grade.

Founded in 1963, the Grey Nun Academy opened in 1963 as the D'Youville Manor Acad-

emy in honor of Saint Margurite D'Youville, who founded the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart. Since then, The Grey Nun Academy has evolved into a school of 200 boys and girls. In 2009, the faculty of Gray Nun's educational work was recognized on the national level when the school was named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the US Department of Education. Grey Nun Academy prides itself in creating a nurturing educational environment that encourages students to learn about themselves, and their faith.

As a lifelong resident of Bucks county, I greatly admire the Grey Nun Academy. Their commitment to creating exceptional students is highly valued within the community. Institutions such as the Grey Nun Academy are learning environments graced with dedicated teachers, administrators, and students. Grey Nun provides students with a strong foundation for success that influences their young students well into adulthood.

I am pleased to congratulate the Grey Nun Academy on its successes over the past 50 years and I hope that the Grey Nun Academy may provide a safe and compassionate learning environment in the coming years.

HONORING DR. MARKLEY SUTTON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Markley Sutton, who is retiring after 31 years of service to the Sonoma Developmental Center.

Dr. Markley Sutton served in several different capacities at the Sonoma Developmental Center, most recently as the Senior Supervising Psychologist from 2003–2011. In this role he not only solved issues that arose with residents with behavioral problems, but also acted as a mentor and friend to the psychologists he supervised. He was always ready to pass on his considerable knowledge, and has taught at many universities on a range of topics centering on clinical issues, behavior concerns, and psychopharmacology for those with multiple diagnoses.

Dr. Sutton has received awards for his leadership including the Superior Accomplishment Award Supervisory Bonus Program from the State of California in both 1986 and 1992. He received the Outstanding Leadership Pioneer Award in 1998 and the Who's Who in California award in 1982, 1988 and 1989.

Dr. Sutton has a long and distinguished career in working with individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and individuals with some of the most challenging behavioral problems. Yet it is his ability to remain engaged, curious and always ready to pitch in when needed that most exemplifies him. There is no issue too challenging, no resident too difficult, nor any task beneath him.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Sutton has a long and distinguished career of service to others, most notably to the developmentally disabled population at Sonoma Developmental Center and those who seek his support in his private practice. It is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge Dr. Sutton today and wish him well in his retirement from Sonoma Developmental Center.

JAZMIN PHELPS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jazmin Phelps for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jazmin Phelps is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jazmin Phelps is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jazmin Phelps for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING DURHAM, NORTH
CAROLINA AS THE "TASTIEST
TOWN IN THE SOUTH"**HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the city of Durham, North Carolina that was recently recognized as the "Tastiest Town in the South," by Southern Living magazine.

This year, from mid-January to February, ten Southern regions competed for the ultimate title of "Tastiest Town in the South." During the voting period, over half a million votes were cast. The editors of Southern Living magazine highlighted Durham's unique ties to the land and its great prices—noting the burgeoning food scene has quietly made Durham one of the best food destinations in the South. In addition, many chef-owners, such as James Beard of Nana's Diner, have really helped to establish a diverse assortment of landmark restaurants—ranging from breweries and café's to comfort food.

Southern Living magazine listed several other notable places to eat in Durham including: Fullsteam Brewery, Pizzeria Toro, Geer Street Garden, Mateo Tapas, Monuts Donuts, Cocoa Cinnamon, Counter Culture Coffee, and Scratch Bakery. Other great Durham restaurants include Blue Coffee Café, Beyu Caffé, and Bistro Vin Rouge, just to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, when considering that Durham was competing against many more widely known Southern locales known for excellent cuisine, such as New Orleans, Atlanta, and Charleston, it's quite remarkable and impressive that Durham has created its own culinary niche. I share Durham County Commissioner Fred Foster's opinion that this award's impact will be felt for years to come.

This award is truly a tribute to the pioneers and current residents of Durham and the region. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Durham for its recognition as the "Tastiest Town in the South."

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE OF JEREMIAH LOWNEY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration that I rise today to share with you the accomplishments of Jeremiah Lowney of Norwich, Connecticut.

I am pleased that the White House is honoring Jeremiah Lowney as a Champion of Change, which is a well deserved honor. On April 5, 2013 Jerry was honored with 11 other Rotary International Members that have improved the lives of thousands both in the United States and abroad. For over thirty years, Jeremiah "Jerry" Lowney has successfully applied his exceptional skills in orthodontia and medicine to helping those living in some of the world's most inhospitable conditions. After cultivating a fruitful career as an orthodontist, Jerry became focused on providing the most basic and necessary health services to those who needed it more than almost anyone in the world: the citizens of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In doing so, Jerry selflessly prioritized his own health concerns below those of his future patients: he was recovering from surgery and radiation following treatment of a rare form of cancer when he embarked on his first mission trip to Haiti in 1982.

After dedicating three years of service toward Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity providing free dental care to Haitians in Port-au-Prince, Jerry was asked by Mother Teresa to branch out to Jeremie, a rural city in Southwestern Haiti suffering from severe deficiencies in both the quality and availability of health care. Jerry's tireless efforts led what was initially a small outreach group to blossom into the Haitian Health Foundation (HHF), a stalwart organization that has offered health care services to Jeremie and over 100 of the rural and remote mountain villages which surround it.

Though the Foundation's successes are innumerable in quantity, some recent highlights include: a 90 percent immunization rate, almost 100 percent reduction in diarrhea deaths, a national award for Vitamin A program which prevents child blindness, and a reduction in childhood deaths from bacterial pneumonia by more than 50 percent. In addition, the HHF maintains programs which distribute hot meals and take-home food for thousands of malnourished children, as well as a family sponsorship program that sends thousands of children to school each year.

As a recipient of dozens of humanitarian awards, Jerry's efforts have certainly not gone unrecognized. Yet despite his philanthropic accomplishments, Jerry has never lost his quiet, humble sense of duty and compassion for those less fortunate. Jerry's unwavering determination, skills, and philanthropic nature have led him to extraordinary success in one of the world's most impoverished regions. His ac-

tions have improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of impoverished Haitians, who without him may never have been able to find adequate care. Jerry has offered more than health and dental services to these people; he has offered them hope. Despite his grueling schedule running a busy dental practice and managing the Haitian clinic he also is active in the Norwich community lending a hand to civic and charitable causes of every type. His family, his hometown of Norwich, and all of eastern Connecticut are proud of Jerry Lowney's remarkable success, and I applaud the White House for recognizing his accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the service and accomplishments of Jeremiah Lowney.

HONORING MARY O'RIORDAN, PARENT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION COUNTY OF SONOMA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary O'Riordan, who is retiring after nine years as President of the Parent Hospital Association (PHA) at Sonoma Developmental Center.

Ms. O'Riordan dedicated her life to serving persons with developmental disabilities. As President of PSA, she was in constant contact with state legislators in Sacramento and federal representatives in Washington, DC, traveling multiple times to both capitals to advocate on behalf of association members. She also served six years on the board of directors of VOR, the national advocacy group for persons with developmental disabilities.

Ms. O'Riordan's advocacy is rooted in her personal experience. Michael, the second of her four sons, was severely disabled and lived at Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) until his death in January 2011. It was his experiences at SDC, the place he called home, that led her to champion the institution, its staff and its residents.

Ms. O'Riordan was passionate about her calling, stating, "I look forward to the day when every family—those who have a developmentally disabled child and those who do not—are equally involved, engaged and concerned about the special needs of our developmentally disabled citizens and to the day when all legislators have their needs on the top of their list of priorities."

In addition to her advocacy on behalf of SDC, Ms. O'Riordan was the administrative assistant for the Deputy Chief of Administration at the San Francisco Fire Department for 35 years. In this capacity, she was honored by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for her outstanding service.

Mr. Speaker, Mary O'Riordan has a long and distinguished career in service to others, most notably to our developmentally disabled population. Her tireless commitment to her community is apparent and it is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge her today and wish her well in her retirement as President of the Parent Hospital Association.

JAMES CLEARY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud James Cleary for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. James Cleary is an 8th grader at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by James Cleary is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to James Cleary for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

REMEMBERING THE LEGACY OF POLISH PRESIDENT LECH KACZYNSKI

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, three years ago, the Air Force TU 154 plane carrying Polish President Lech Kaczynski, his wife Maria, and 94 other top Polish officials crashed near Smolensk, Russia. The delegation had been on their way to Katyn to commemorate the deaths of 4400 Polish Army officers who were ruthlessly executed by the Soviets in 1943.

In the 1970s, Kaczynski, a staunch anti-communist, made a name for himself as an underground oppositionist, and, in 1980, when the Solidarity workers' union was founded, he assisted in the Gdansk Shipyard strike and later served as the group's legal adviser. In 1981, after the imposition of the martial law, he was put in prison.

In free Poland, Kaczynski served many roles—Senator, Mayor of Warsaw, Attorney General, Minister of Justice, and, in 2001, he was elected President.

President Kaczynski was always supportive of strong Poland-U.S. relations, and was skeptical of close relations with the German/French dominated European Union. Kaczynski rightly feared that reliance on Russian energy supplies would inhibit sober evaluation of Russian policies at home and abroad.

Americans appreciate our country's alliance with this great nation in the ongoing fight for freedom across the world. Today, three years after the tragic crash, we stand in solidarity with the people of Poland and mourn the loss of their President and countrymen.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 15

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for Veterans' Programs.

SR-418

APRIL 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan.

SH-216

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on African Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ongoing conflict in Eastern Congo.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Forest Service.

SD-366

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine tax fraud and tax identity theft, focusing on moving forward with solutions.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine college affordability.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights

To hold hearings to examine drone wars, focusing on the constitutional and counterterrorism implications of targeted killing.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 657, to eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet primary indicators of health, sanitation, and safety, S. Res. 90, standing with the people of Kenya following their national and local elections on March 4, 2013, and urging a

peaceful and credible resolution of electoral disputes in the courts, the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and lists in the Foreign Service.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) progress on key safety initiatives.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 211, to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, S. 284, a bill to transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District, New Mexico, S. 510, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah S. 659, to reauthorize the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, S. J.Res. 12, to consent to certain amendments enacted by the legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Act, 1920 and H.R. 316, to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws.

SD-226

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget and revenue request for fiscal year 2014.

SD-608

APRIL 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a briefing on the situation in Syria.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Education.

SD-138

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014.

SD-215

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Nuclear Security Administration.

SD-192

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session SVC-217.

SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the future of passenger rail, focusing on what's next for the Northeast Corridor.

SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform legislation.

SD-226

APRIL 18

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Reserve System at 100, focusing on monetary policy.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Defense science and technology enterprise for innovation and affordability in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine the current readiness of U.S. forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

APRIL 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 306, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, S. 545, to improve hydropower, and an original bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 59, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, S. 155, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Denali, S. 156, to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska, S. 219, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 225, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, S. 228, to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, S. 285, to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, S. 305, to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park, S. 349, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 371, to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 486, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Sea-

shore Recreational Area, S. 507, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and S. 615, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut.

SD-366

APRIL 24

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To resume hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

APRIL 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

MAY 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

MAY 8

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

JUNE 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommit-

tee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

11 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-232A

6 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-232A

JUNE 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

JUNE 13

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222